

**Questionnaires are due back to ahutchison@fcchamber.org
by 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2019**

**Please note that all questionnaire answers
will be shared with the business community.**

Office Sought: Mayor	District (If Applicable):
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Employment: Mechanical Engineering Department, Colorado State University	
Length of Residence: In City: 62 years	In District:

Please limit responses to approximately 200 words per section.

Education:

Mayor Troxell received his BS-Engineering Science (1980), MS-Mechanical Engineering (1982) and Ph.D.- Mechanical Engineering (1987) degrees from CSU. He was a NATO Post Doctoral Fellow at the University of Edinburgh. He has been on the faculty in the Department of Mechanical Engineering since 1985. Mayor Troxell is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). Mayor Troxell participated in the first executive leadership cohort of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative in 2017-2018 with 39 US and international mayors and staff.

Past and Present Community Service Including Offices Held:

Wade Troxell is the Mayor of Fort Collins, Colorado. He was elected in April 2015 and re-elected in April 2017. He is looking to serve a third term as mayor.

Mayor Troxell currently serves on the Board of the Platte River Power Authority Board, serves on the GridWise Alliance Board, appointed to the FAA Drone Advisory Committee by US DOT Secretary Chao representing local interests on this federal advisory body, is on the Transportation Infrastructure Service federal advisory committee of the National League of Cities, served as Chair-National League of Cities (NLC) Universities

Communities Council (UCC), serving as President of the Executive Board - Colorado Municipal League, currently Chair - Northern Colorado Regional Airport Commission, and .Chair - City of Fort Collins Future's Committee. Previous to serving as mayor, he was twice elected to the Fort Collins City Council representing District 4.

Mayor Troxell is an internationally recognized expert in the areas of intelligent robotics and intelligent control of distributed infrastructure systems. His smart grid research has focused on intelligent systems and the integration of the distributed energy resources (DER), including renewable energy and storage, into the electric power grid. He was a founder and now an emeritus member of the US DOE Gridwise Architectural Council. He is a past ASME Senior Vice President.

Other community service activities include:

- Appointed to the State of Colorado Smart Grid Task Force per legislation SB10-180
- Served on the Board of Directors of the Colorado State University Alumni Association
- Served on the Board of Directors of the First United Presbyterian Church Foundation.
- Member of the CSU Alumni Athletes Association
- Helped form the FIRST Robotics in Fort Collins with the formation of the Poudre High School Alpine Robotics Team in 1994 and the Colorado FIRST Robot Lego League competition in Fort Collins.
- Sponsored and made presentations at Merit Badge University for Boy Scouts, Young Scholars, MESA, and Odyssey of the Mind student groups (K-12) on civic responsibility, science, engineering, and building "robots".

Past and Present Employment/Business Experience:

Mayor Troxell co-founded Sixth Dimension, Inc., a provider of a communications and control network for the electric power industry integrating in distributed energy resources into the distribution grid. As President/COO, he led this early-staged company through three rounds of venture financing totaling over \$18 million involving some of the top energy venture firms. Comverge acquired Sixth Dimension.

Mayor Troxell established NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) in Colorado and Wyoming. He served as Executive Director for five years. MAMTC served small to medium manufacturers become more competitive and profitable. MAMTC provided services by connecting to providers across a full range of capabilities that include management, process improvement and product development.

Current Employment and Responsibilities:

Dr. Troxell is on the mechanical engineering faculty with appointments in systems engineering, biomedical engineering, Richardson Design Center and the Associate Department Head, Mechanical Engineering, at Colorado State University. His responsibilities involve teaching, research, service and engagement.

Specific Qualifications For This Office:

Mayor Troxell was first elected mayor in April 2015 and re-elected in April 2017. He is serving his second term. Prior to being mayor, he was a City Council member representing District 4, first elected in 2007 and re-elected in 2011. Troxell continues to serve Fort Collins City Council by bringing practical, common sense leadership to civic issues that impact individuals, families, neighborhood residents and business owners who live, work and care about Fort Collins' future. As mayor, he has served on the Platte River Power Authority board, chairs the Northern Colorado Regional Airport Commission, serves on the Colorado Municipal League Executive Board, chairs the city's Futures Committee, and is on the Transportation Infrastructure Service federal advisory committee of the National League of Cities.

Why are you running for this office?

Mayor Troxell want to bring his homegrown leadership and passion for Fort Collins' future to his third term as mayor. He has provided the leadership in keeping Fort Collins a wonderful place to live, work, play, raise a family, study, grow a business, innovate, and improve the city's natural environment.

Mayor Troxell has been a trusted advocate for a vibrant community serving all providing to innovation, inclusion, collaboration, and an iconic future. Fort Collins is recognized in the Lemelson "*Places of Invention*" exhibit at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. It is the FOCO's citizens as co-creators that make Fort Collins a great place. People are passionate about Fort Collins. They care about quality of life. They care about each other.

They live to make a difference in our community.

What have you done to prepare for election to this office and how you will you conduct yourself if elected to this office? What experiences have you had that makes you qualified to serve in office?

Mayor Troxell is completing his twelfth year on Fort Collins City Council with the last four years as mayor. He provides the leadership for the Council and the City staff to operate at a high level of performance. His track record make Mayor Troxell uniquely qualified to lead the City Council for the third term.

If you are elected, what are the top three accomplishments you want to have completed by the end of your term, how will you pay for them and how will you get them done?

Throughout his first two terms, Mayor Troxell has focused on innovation, inclusion and collaboration for a vibrant economy. I will continue to look 30, 50, and 100 years into the future as to what will make Fort Collins an even better community for future generations. If re-elected to his third term, Troxell will continue to provide leadership for 1) economic health and prosperity for all citizens, 2) substantive actions and accountability for a sustainable future, and 3) collaboration and partnerships throughout our community and region. The City's BFO process provides for transparency, accountability, and prioritization against all the competing needs of a vibrant community. I will continue to engage all stakeholders, City staff and City Council to meet the needs of our community in a thoughtful, deliberative fashion.

What do you think are the top 3 economic priorities the city government should undertake during the next four years? What role should Fort Collins have in economic development? How will you make the economy a City budget priority?

The top 3 economic priorities for the City government are: (1) maintain a business friendly community, (2) provide for the desirable amenities that make Fort Collins a great place, and (3) keep Fort Collins safe and friendly community. Fort Collins is active in economic development through the Economic Health office. The City needs to become a key partner in NOCO First.

In the City budget, economic health is exhibited throughout the seven outcome areas of the budget. I pledge to support:

- Economic Health - a healthy, sustainable economy reflecting the

- values of our unique community in a changing world.
- Environmental Health - promote, protect and enhance a healthy and sustainable environment.
 - Neighborhood Livability - foster and support a variety of quality neighborhoods.
 - Safe Community - provide a safe place to live, work, learn and play.
 - Cultural and Recreational Opportunities - encourage and provide diverse cultural and recreational opportunities.
 - Transportation - provide for safe and reliable multi-modal travel to, from, and throughout the City.
 - High Performing Government - exemplify an efficient, innovative, transparent, effective and collaborative city government.

It is important to make decisions that will positive for future generations to live in Fort Collins. The City Council needs to balance competing needs that keeps Fort Collins a great place in terms of its key areas and outcomes.

How will you make Fort Collins a more Jobs Friendly community? Are you willing to engage with business leaders to discuss these solutions? Please explain how you will stay in touch with business leaders.

Fort Collins is a “friendly community” for all lots of reasons, including jobs, by (1) **(work)** have opportunities for employment, (2) **(live)** having affordable and attainable housing to meet the needs of a broad spectrum of employees and employers. (3) **(play)** having a wonderful community for activities and commerce to meet their needs, (4) **(educate)** having broad spectrum of educational opportunities to improve and grow in the workforce capacities, and (5) **(innovate)** have the environment to start and grow a business to provide innovative solutions and employment opportunities.

Mayor Troxell will continue to meet with business leaders throughout the community on a regular basis to hear concerns, discuss issues and develop solutions.

What role should Fort Collins have in the region? What do you believe are the top issues facing Northern Colorado in the next several years?

Working together as a region is vital to Fort Collins’ self-determination since issues do not stop at the city limited. A vibrant regional economy, multimodal transportation systems, homelessness/transient issues, plentiful water and water storage for the future, and clean energy are important issues facing Northern Colorado. Fort Collins needs to continue to engage as a

solid partner with others in the region.

Mayor Troxell has shown leadership in working with Northern Colorado municipalities and county governments. Working together, he sees a vibrant future for Fort Collins and feels collaboration and public-private partnerships make Fort Collins a better place. We need to a viable regional organization in NOCO First. Fort Collins is at the table as a full partner with our neighbors. Mayor Troxell has fostered relationships with all the Northern Colorado mayors, our State legislators, and Congressional delegation on issues impacting Fort Collins and Northern Colorado. Top issues facing improvements of I-25 North and transportation infrastructure, railroad crossings and urban train noise, draught mitigation and water storage projects, river health, community separators and open space, multi-modal transportation and transit, trails, first responder training facilities, economic potential realization of the Northern Colorado Regional Airport and engagement with all water providers in the Fort Collins GMA. If NOCO First can't get out of its lack of leadership funk, it is time look at formalizing the coordination of regional governments.

Colorado will continue to grow, including our area. How should Fort Collins plan for growth, if at all?

Planning is a hallmark of why Fort Collins has continued to be the “Choice City” and a great place to live, work and play. The next two years are critical to Fort Collins as the City begins to implement the new City Plan that includes cultural resources (FOCO Creates), transportation and transit master plans. As we look to iconic developments for our future, mayoral and council leadership during this period is critical to the next 30-50 years as Fort Collins builds out.

Tell us about your participation in the City Plan process.

Mayor Troxell was engaged in the process through out and was update regularly on the progress. He was involved and encouraged participation in the City Plan planning sessions that also included the same for transportation and transit master plans and the FOCO Creates planning and feedback sessions. He will involved more that any other person on City Council.

What are the top two issues facing city government over the next 2 years and why do you believe they are the most important?

Two top issues over the next two years facing City Council will be (1) turning on customers with an operational broadband service in our community, and (2) securing drought water storage. As we commence

broadband services in our community, a successful take-rate and operations are imperative. This is an essential for Fort Collins and our iconic future. Over the next 2 years, two future water storage projects will be determined, namely Halligan Reservoir and NISP. Both of these projects are important to Fort Collins in different ways.

What economic tools should the City add to their "tool box" of resources to attract, retain and expand key employers?

Mayor Troxell has been a leader in the City's economic health efforts to incubate, grow, retain and attract. He sees a regional economic development as key necessity. NOCO First has not delivered. Local governments need to play a role or it will continue to fail. Our institutional partners such as UC Health, Colorado State University, NOCO Regional Airport, and others need to be involved as well. Through his leadership, Mayor Troxell has been a key regional partner with businesses, special districts, regional communities, and regional governments in forming URA and Metro Districts. The toolbox necessary is the compelling value proposition, engagement of regional partners and businesses, funded support, executive leadership and execution.

What is your position on the Fix North I-25 effort? Why?

Mayor Troxell has been at the forefront in Fort Collins' participation in funding and leading the effort to Fix North I-25. Fort Collins has provided or pledged nearly \$21 million. In addition, Prospect Road overpass and Poudre River bridge are key Fort Collins investments in the success of working with CDOT.

Why would a business person support your election to office?

Mayor Troxell best represents the broad spectrum of Fort Collins citizens who like to live, work, recreate, build and grow business, start a business, study and research, relax and retire. With over 1200 business in Fort Collins, we need to address the needs from the start up company, mom and pop business to the well-established businesses. I know this community and I know how important economic well being and wealth creation is fundamental to our quality of life we enjoy.

Mayor Troxell has provided the leadership that has driven economic vitality of Fort Collins while balancing many factors including the needs of business to be viable. He will continue to provide the steady commonsense leadership for Fort Collins looking to its future.

If business groups endorse you, is there any significant information that could come out about you during a campaign that could potentially,

embarrass you (and them) publicly? (ex: bankruptcy, arrest, conviction, etc.)

No.

(signed) Wade Troxell, February 2, 2019

Signature, Date